REMARKS

Claims 1-11 remain cancelled, claims 12-20 were added in the Amendment filed March 5, 2008, new claim 21 has been added; and thus, in view of the foregoing, 12-21 remain pending for consideration which is respectfully requested. No new matter is believed to have been added. The rejections are respectfully traversed below.

New claim 21 has been added to include some features from claim 1 (which was previously cancelled) and some features from claim 12 (which was previously added) to further distinguish over the cited references, as discussed below, and place the application in condition for allowance.

Claim 21 recites, in part

the generating unit receives the request and connection information including the arrival IP address, determines whether the arrival IP address is a predetermined IP address, sets a server IP address as the reference IP address if the arrival IP address is determined to be a predetermined IP address or sets an IP address other than the server IP address as the reference IP address if the arrival IP address is not determined to be the predetermined IP address

(claim 21, lines 15-20) ,which is supported by at least one of the embodiments of the invention as illustrated in Figs. 1 to 3 and Figs. 8 to 10 of the application.

It is submitted that Glass does not teach or suggest at least the above-mentioned features recited in claim 21. Rather, Glass is directed to a method for distributed processing in a computer network (see Glass, Abstract). According to col. 4, lines 8-13 of Glass, a remote proxy generator, which resides on the server side, instantiates the remote proxy class to create a remote proxy object and the client-side type generator generates a client side type object to provide an access method of the server object. However, in claim 21, "the generating unit …sets a server IP address as the reference IP address if the arrival IP address is determined to be a predetermined IP address or sets an IP address other than the server IP address as the reference IP address if the arrival IP address is not determined to be the predetermined IP address" based on a determination of "whether the arrival IP address is a predetermined IP address". Such a feature of setting based on a determination of whether the arrival IP address is a predetermined IP address is not taught or suggested in the Glass because Glass is merely concerned with providing an access method of the server object to the client side rather than setting the server IP address or an IP address other than the server IP address as the reference IP address based on a determination.

Therefore, in view of the foregoing, Glass does not teach or suggest at least the above-quoted features recited in claim 21.

Further, Dugan is directed to a method for managing local resources at service nodes in an intelligent network (see Dugan, Abstract). O'Neil is directed to a system that balances loads among network servers (see O'Neil, Abstract). However, neither reference, taken alone or in combination, is found to teach or suggest at least the above-mentioned features in claim 1 as quoted above. Therefore, neither reference cures the deficiencies of Glass as set forth above with respect to claim 21.

Thus, claim 21 is patentable over the references, taken alone or in combination.

In accordance with the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that all outstanding objections and rejections have been overcome and/or rendered moot. Further, all pending claims patentably distinguish over the prior art. There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If any further fees, other than and except for the issue fee, are necessary with respect to this paper, the U.S.P.T.O. is requested to obtain the same from deposit account number 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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